



8 March 2016

Memorandum

To: Trialists

Fr: Curtis Meinert

Re: The trialist's oath

Whereas

Being able to research on human beings is a privilege granted only by an accepting society,
and whereas

Research is done to advance knowledge,
and whereas

There is no advance of knowledge in the societal sense without publication.

Therefore, as a trialist, I am obliged to:

Ensure the trial I participate in is registered and that the registration is updated as the trial proceeds.

Ensure existence of a statement fashioned and approved by study investigators committing to publication when the trial is finished or stopped because of benefit or harm.

Make every effort to publish results of the trial when finished or stopped without regard to the nature or direction of results.

Be satisfied that investigators will be responsible for analysis and paper writing and for conclusions stated without interdiction of study sponsors or others.

Be satisfied that persons or agencies funding the trial will fund analysis and paper writing when the trial is finished or stopped until results are published or through the 4th rejection of the results manuscript.

Publish in peer-reviewed, indexed, medical journals.

Resist efforts by others to acquire study data until investigators have published or until they have abandoned efforts to publish after repeated rejections of the results manuscript.